

Community Preservation Committee  
January 6, 2021

Present: Rena Richard, Chair – Upton Housing Authority  
Paul Carey, Vice-Chair – Planning Board  
Chris Scott – Conservation Commission  
Richard Gazoorian – Recreation Commission  
Richard Desjardins – Selectmen's Appointee  
Joan Scribner – Selectmen's Appointee  
Mike Penko - Open Space Committee  
Dave Adams – Selectmen's Appointee

Guests Present:

Peter Turowski - T-2 Architects  
Libby Turowski - T-2 Architects  
Bill Sylvia - T-2 Architects  
Steve Kirby - Vertex Companies / Town of Upton OPM (Owners Project Manager)  
Nate Burgess - Dodson & Flinker Landscape Architects  
James Brochu - Community Center Committee

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

1. Minutes of September and October 2020 meetings approved as corrected.
2. Presentation by Community Center Committee regarding request to move and augment the playground at the VFW parking lot if and when the new Community Center is built. Initial remarks by James Brochu. The project is in the budget-estimating phase.

Nate Burgess made a presentation with slides regarding the proposed project.

There were questions from the CPC regarding the life expectancy of the proposed playing surface, replacement cost of that surface, whether the material is recyclable, the ability to include a splash park feature, availability of grants, the cost of ordinary maintenance, and the possibility of a bridge from the site to Grove Street.

Ms. Richard asked what the Committee was asking CPC for that evening. Mr. Brochu stated that they were running a workshop on January 7 with several town bodies to discuss the project. They would like to present the proposal for funding of the project at the May town meeting, contingent on funding of the Community Center.

Mr. Adams asked whether alternative sites had been considered. There was not significant consideration, as stakeholders seem to like this site.

Moved and seconded to submit a warrant article to fund the proposed project at \$560,000. Approved unanimously. The CPC has not yet voted on the project itself, however.

The applicant will update the CPC at the CPC's February meeting.

3. The CPC's annual report will be submitted as written.
4. Ms. Richard discussed warrant articles to transfer 10% of CPA revenues to the designated CPC accounts, and \$15,000 to the CPC administrative fund. Moved and seconded to move the funds. Approved unanimously.
5. Discussion regarding payment on Town Hall bond debt. Moved and seconded to approve and submit a warrant article to make the ninth payment on the bond debt. Approved unanimously.
6. Ms. Richard reported receipt of \$248,210 from a land grant for the Robinson Property. Moved and seconded to transfer the funds to the open space reserve account. Approved unanimously.

Adjourned at 7:55 p.m.